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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF KENNEDY COLLEGE TEAM TO ROC

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1. LEADER OF JFK BASKETBALL TEAM CONSTANCE DILLOW TOLD ESCORT OFFICER HARDING JULY 5 IN CANTON THAT SHE BELIEVED TEAM WAS RETURNING DIRECTLY TO NEBRASKA FROM HAWAII. SHE SAID HERBENER WAS MAKING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION SHE SAID SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FURTHER PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS BUT REPEATED HERBENER WAS MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING CURRENCY EXCHANGE AT BORDER HARDING WAS DELAYED AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS UNABLE TO ASK HERBENER ABOUT JFK TRAVEL PLANS AFTER HAWAII VISIT. SINCE JFK TEAM IS TIRED AND IS WITHOUG SERVICES OF TWO PLAYERS (CAPTAIN AND ONE STAR) HARDING BELIEVES TEAM WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT FURTHER TOUR NOW COULD ONLY DAMAGE REPUTATION OF GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM. FROM COMMENTS OF TEAM PRIOR TO CANTON DEPARTURE, BELIEVE IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT CONTINUATION OF PRESENT TOUR WITHOUT REST COULD CAUSE "REVOLT" AMONG PLAYERS.

3. APPRECIATE PROBLEM OF FINDING LEVERAGE TO APPLY ON JFK,
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BUT ALSO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE JFK PLANNING SUCH OBVIOUS

BREACH OF GOOD FAITH.

4. SUGGEST DEPT. MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH WILLIAM WOLFE, REP OF JFK BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHO ACCOMPANIED TEAM TO PRC AND RETURNED TO US WITH INJURED PLAYER. HIS ADDRESS IS JOHN MADDEN COMPANY, 7100 WEST CENTER ROAD, OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68108; TELEPHONE 402-391-6447. WOLF SERVES AS LEGAL ADVISER TO JFK AND WOULD PROBABLY BE SENSITIVE TO IMPLICATIONS OF BREACH OF GOOD FAITH.
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